Objections against construction of the Tehri Dam

272. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some objections have again been raised by the department against the construction of the Tehri Dam Power Project in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what are the objections and whether these objections are the same as raised by environment agitators;

(c) what steps are being taken to rectify the environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Tehri Dam project was granted conditional environmental clearance in July 1990, stipulating that environmental action plans are to be prepared so that their implementation is done pari-passu with engineering works failing which the engineering works would be brought to a halt. The environmental studies action plans and their implementation have to conform to this, as mentioned in the clearance. The points on which such studies and plans have to be prepared would also cover the points raised by the environmental groups.

(c) The project authorities have been advised to prepare comprehensive Environmental Management Plan including the Disaster Management Plan as stipulated and make adequate financial allocations for their implementation.

अरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला पर वन लगाया जाना

273 श्री भंवर लाल पंवार : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में अरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला पर सघनवन लगाने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त योजना के लिए कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई है ;

(ग) योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) इस योजना के प्रथम चरण में कितने वृक्ष लगाये जाने हैं ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री कमलनाथ) : (क) से (ग) राजस्थान में अरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला जिसके अन्तर्गत अलवर, बांसवाड़ा, चित्तौड़गढ़, जयपुर, झुंझुनू, नागौर, पाली, सीकर, सिरोही तथा उदयपुर जिले शामिल हैं, के लिए एक वनीकरण परियोजना के संबंध में ओवरसीज इकानॉमिक कोआपरेशन फंड, जापान के साथ बातचीत चल रही है वर्ष 1992-93 में आरम्भ होने वाली प्रस्तावित परियोजना की 5 वर्ष की अवधि का कुल परिव्यय 167 करोड़ रुपए है।

(घ) इस प्रस्तावित परियोजना में फार्म वानिकी के अन्तर्गत परियोजना अवधि के दौरान, 750 लाख पौध लगाई जाएगी। इसके अतिरिक्त लगभग 1 15 लाख हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र पर उक्त कार्य पूरा कर लिए जाने की आशा है।

Existing Irrigation Potential

274. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that existing irrigation potential created in the country through construction of reserviors is not being fully utilised due to delays in according permission under the Forest (Conservation) Act for the off taking canals; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to speed up such clearances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. When proposals are submitted by the State Governments in the prescribed format and are found to be within the prescribed guidelines, the Ministry promoptly clears such cases.